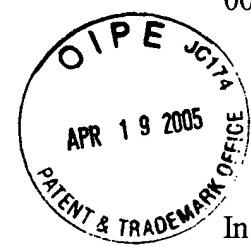


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Sir:

Further to the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 26, 2003, in compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed.

The listed document was cited in an Office Action of a corresponding Japanese application. A copy of the Office Action is included for the Examiner's convenience.

JP '217 may be relevant for the reasons summarized in its English abstract.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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